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Twp. eyes new fire station

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Insurance rates for Plymouth Township businesses could drop in the next few years if a new fire station is added to the township's west end.

The township Board of Trustees voted last Tuesday to direct the supervisor to begin negotiations to find an architect to design a third station.

The new facility will be located on a 3.25 acre parcel at the northeast corner of North Territorial and Beck roads on land which the township purchased in 1981.

After discussions with officials of the Insurance Services Office (ISO), an agency which rates municipalities? relative fire safety, township officials decided to go with a third station.

"ISO rates each municipality, and that rating is used to determine insurance rates," said township Fire Chief Larry Groth.

"They use a lot of different measurements in determining the rating, so adding a station will not guarantee a better rating, but it should have some effect," he said.

A better ISO rating could then mean better fire insurance rates for industrial and commercial properties, which are rapidly growing west of Sheldon Road,

Response times for calls to the western part of the township have been higher than the acceptable five minutes, according to Groth, because the two existing stations are in the eastern part of the township.

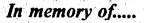
The site for the new station is located within two miles of nearly any point in its response area.

Groth said that he will how begin looking into the costs involved in staffing and operating the new station. He said that while it is too early to estimate, the facility could be operational by late 1990.

WOODS: There is a "Sacred" place in Plymouth Township where a wanderer will find a group of trees marked with the many years of carving by residents and those in love. See pg. 19.

The Crier takes a look at the millage questions on the June 12 schools election ballot. See pg. 18.





Charles Johnson (above) waves to the marchers, including this U.S. Army Color Guard, during Monday's annual Memorial Day parade. The parade was followed by a brief wreath laying ceremony. (Crier photos by Chris Farina)

Big day is June 11

Graduation time nears at CEP

BY JOHN BRODERICK

It's really just a stroll down an aisle, where somebody at the end hands over a rolled up piece of paper disguised as a diploma.

More than 1,200 Plymouth and Canton seniors from Salem and Canton high schools will take that stroll next week - but it's more than just an average stroll. For many it's like walking into an abyss -- exciting, but scary.

But in any case, graduation is one last chance to get a glimpse of your entire class before the five year reunion.

Graduation ceremonies for both

Salem and Canton will be held at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, on Sunday, June 11.

Canton's ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m., with Salem's to follow at 5 p.m.

Area churches have been asked to participate in a day of recognition for graduates, on that day, as well.

A senior party is traditionally held on the night of graduation and usually includes prizes, dancing, entertainment and food.

The party, which is open only to 1989 graduates, will be at Salem (on June 11) from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. No students will be admitted after 11 p.m.

The party is being prepared by the parents of the Class of 1989.

A senior Honors Convocation is also planned at each school on Thursday (June 1) at 7 p.m. in Canton's cafeteria and Salem's auditorium.

"We had a great senior class this year," said Salem High principal Gerry Ostoin, "We had a very successful Project Pride" program -- our seniors provided a lot of the leadership that made it a success.

"Graduating seniors should remember all of the lessons they've learned from kindergarten all the way up," said Tom Tattan, Canton High School principal.

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Welcome Vanon

Legion honors **Donnelly**

Besides celebrating 45 years in Plymouth, the American Legion Passage-Gayde Post 391 held its 20th Recognition Night dinner last week,

Plymouth Township Police officer Eric Mayernik and township firefighter Gregory Westfall, were recognized for their outstanding performance and contributions to the community.

Honorees from the City of Plymouth included police officer Curtis Hill and firefighter William Warren.

Carol Donnelly was honored as the Plymouth Community Ciziten-of-the-Year for her involvement in youth programs, the Plymouth Council on Aging and the Focus Hope program in Plymouth.



Essay winners

Winners in the annual Plymouth-Canton Citizenship Essay. Contest were Cauton senior Sarah Nanska in first, Salem senior Douglas McBurney second, and in third place, Canton junior Tonya Thomas. (Crier photo by

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Canton, City consider compost facilities

BY SANDRA STEELE

Canton's new compost facility may not cost the township a dime.

A last minute request for the development of a compost facility was added to last Tuesday's agenda and met with the approval of the Canton Board of Trustees.

With no additional cost to township, Loren Bennett said the new facility will be developed on three or four acres of an old landfill owned by the township. The landfill is located on Lilley Road, just south of the Wayne Disposal site.

The compost facility will be developed and managed by Dave Denski, with funds diverted from the regular landfill operation. Bennett said the township currently pays \$9 per cubic yard for grass clippings and other organic materials that are deposited in the dump site. This money will be diverted to the operation of the compost facility, which is expected to create more room for non-organic waste at the township's regular dump

In order to "work out any bugs" in the new operation, Bennett said only a small area of Canton will be involved= in the trial program which is scheduled begin June 9. Homeowners Association expressed interest in the diversion program about six weeks ago and will be asked to participate in the initial program.

Yard waste, such as grass clippings and other organic waste, will be picked up on a different day than the regular trash and will be deposited in the new compost facility. The area included in the pick-up will be gradually increased as the system is perfected

The facility will be off limits to the public, but yard waste can be delivered to the Van Born station for disposal Maintenance standards will be applied by the county.

Attorneys are now in the process of finalizing a contract. Bennett did not foresee any problems with the scheduled starting date and expreseed the confidence of the board in this project.

"Since'we are, in fact, recipients of a landfill, we want to prove that it will be economically feasible, and demonstrate to other communities that it can be done," he said.

Similar plans for an old landfill in Plymouth are also in the making.

Plymouth City Manager Henry Graper said, "We're in the process of constructing a road to the landfill,"

Graper also said that studies will be conducted on the site, during the next three years, to insure the proper closure of the landfill before a compost facility was installed.

Graper said the city's plans are being looked at by the state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

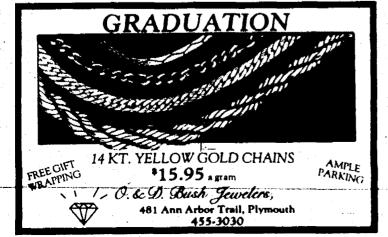
Landfill gets nod

The new landfill in Canton is another step closer.

The Wayne County Solid Waste Implementation Committee, which includes Canton Clerk Loren Bennett and County Commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, approved the new landfill two weeks ago.

The landfill is planned along Michigan Avenue in Canton and will be operated by Wayne Disposal-

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must still approve the project, but Canton officials said they believe that will happen soon.



Seniors housing nears completion

Canton Place

construction of the new Canton Place, Canton's first senior citizen subsidized residency, more than 60 per cent complete, a communitywide meeting is being planned for June

That's when representatives of National Church Residences (NCR), the non-profit Ohio-based group constructing the seniors facility, will be on hand to discuss admission and application procedures. There will also be a question and answer session.

The 7 p.m. gathering will be held at Calvary Baptist Church of Plymouth on Joy Road (in Canton).

Seniors who qualify to live in one of Canton Place's 117 units (one bedroom units and efficiencies) must be at least 62 years old, in need of low-rent housing and earn less than \$15,950 (for two people), said Dianne Neihengen, coordinator of senior citizen programs in Canton.

Applications will be made available on June 14-16 at the Canton Public Library and St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, Seniors are urged to fill out the application and mail it immediately, said Neihengen. Applications can be picked for seniors who cannot get to either the church or the library.

Applications are expected to be given priority based on a first come, first serve basis. Neihengen said the postmark date on the applications will be used to determine priorities,

"We're also gathering interested residents who want to be on the board of governors," said Neihengen, "They can be seniors, but what we really want is someone with a skill who is interested in helping.

The board will only be an advisory group, she said, while NCR will provide a local management team to run the seniors complex.

Neihengen said she has more than 1,400 seniors on an information list for the new housing facility.

"We've been looking forward to this for quite a few years," said Neihengen. "So many of our seniors who are active have to leave to find affordable housing and that has hurt our programs."

Neihengen said Canton Place will be the first senior housing project in Canton. There are senior residencies in Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth, as well as neighboring communities such as Westland and

The eight-story building on Ford Road at Sheldon Road is expected to be completed by September, said



Festival opens with tourney-

This year's new Canton Challenge Festival kicked off Friday as the Memorial Day Soccer Tournament drew teams and fans from across the country. The festival also featured fireworks on Friday. Festival activities will continue this week. Call 397-5110 for information on specific events. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

Students expelled for bomb

Two Centennial Educational Park (CEP) students were expelled from school last week for blowing up a toilet with a homemade bomb.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education voted last Monday to remove the two 15-year-olds, in connection with the incident, which occured in a Canton High School, back in April.

The explosive, which damaged a toilet in a maintenance bathroom, was made with gun powder, which one of the students took without permission from his father, said school officials.

The students will have the opportunity to reapply for admission into school, officials said.

"Like any child, there are conditions set up to get back into school - as soon as they meet those requirements, the high school principals will evaluate the situation, and the administration will make a reccomendation to the board," said John Hoben, district superintendent.

Say 'yes' to schools

Residents rally in support of millage

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Cheerleaders, WSDP radio announcers, the Centennial Educational Park Marching Band, Teachers, school officials, board members, students and parents all packed into the Canton High School gynl last week.

Was it a championship basketball game? A pep rally? The filming of

None of the above.

The cheers that nearly blew the roof off the place were those of pro-millage revelers, who kicked off their campaign to ensure the passage of an eight mill renewal, and a four mill increase on June 12.

The Citizens Election Committee, under the slogan "I Care," hosted the rally, which featured speakers from the community, and short presentations

from each of the district's schools.
"We're very pleased," said committee chair Jack Farrow, "we're especially happy about the level of enthusiasm shown at the raily -- people were really excited."

Committee members now have their sights set on June 12.

"We have two weeks of hard work ahead of us now," Farrow said, "It looks like we'll have about 150 volunteers working on election day, poll-watching, and calling voters."



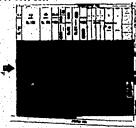
The Ottorn's Election Com cry, "I Care," organized the event, and is spen mpaign. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTUN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1989, AT 7:30 P.M. AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LAND USE AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 5.14 E. OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE. THE REQUEST IS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CLUSTER SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED RESIDENTIAL (FOX RUN SUBDIVISION) PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BECK BETWEEN HANFORD AND FORD ROADS. PARCEL NOS. 032-99-0009-000, 032-99-0010-000, and 032-99-0011-001.



Written comments will be received until 7:00 P.M. at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. A public hearing on the special land use request may be requested by any property owner or the occupant of any structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a

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Planning Commission Chairman

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARKEL NO. 026-99-0015-000 FROM AGR. AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL. TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HANFORD BETWEEN RIDGE AND NAPIER.



The hearing will be held during the Planning Commission meeting of June 26, 1989, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Daylight Saving Time at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan.
This notice is provided pursuant to the requirements of Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township

of Canton.
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June 21, 1989

John Burdriak, Chairman Planning Commission

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES — REGULAR MEETING.
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Breen, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Esther Hulsing who had been excused.
Mr. Horton moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 1989, Regular Board of Truntees Meeting as submitted. Supported by Mr. Griffith, with Mrs. Brooks and Abe Munfakh being excused from voting as they were not present for the meeting. Ayes all.
Mrs. Brooks moved to approve the bills for May 1989 in the amount of \$248,034.39 for General Fund and \$54,330.88 for Water & Sewer for a total of \$302.365.27. Supported by Mr. Horton.
Roll Call: Ayes: Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Munfakh, Stewart, Breen
Absent: Hulsing

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Mr. Murfakh moved to accept the agenda, with the addendum, (Closed Session) for the May
23, 1989, meeting, as presented. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved that the Board authorize the administration to contact the R.A. DeMattia
Company, the successful bidder, to proceed to develop a financing plan under the installment loan
option, as presented by the Finance Director, with the option to refinance with a bonding plan in
January 1990 and meet with legal coursel, as necessary, and have a definite proposal ready for the
next regular board meeting. Supported by Mr. Stewart. Ayes all.

*A copy of the financial alternatives presented by Mrs. Harvey is attached to the official

neinvetes.

Based upon the recommendation of Trustees Criffith and Stewart, Mr. Munfakh moved that a policy be drafted for formal submission to the Township Board stating that an applicant requesting donations from the Township must qualify under Act 501C and be an incorporated non-profit organization under the State of Michigan, and that an affidavit, including a disclaimer of jiability and other pertinent data, be drafted and submitted to the Board for formal adoption by the administration at the next regular meeting of June 13, 1989. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes

all.

Mr. Stewart moved to solicit proposals from a consultant to develop an update on the noise measurement requirements with a report to the Board at their regular meeting of June 27, 1989. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

"A copy of the Noise Ordinance Study is attached to the Official minutes.

Mr. Griffith moved to schedule a public hearing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Rock Tool and Machine Company, Inc., 45145 Five Mile Road, for the June 13, 1989, Regular Board of Trustee meeting. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the dues for MTA from July 1, 1989 to July 1, 1990, in the amount of \$2,650. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to accept the watermain easement for Beck Industrial Center Limited Partnership for parts of fots 15, 24 and the cast 40° of lots 16 and 34 in Metro West-Beck Road Subdiyisalon, as approved by the Township Engineer as to form and substance. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Munfakh and supported by Mr. Stewart that Resolution No. 89-04-09-24 be offered:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Canton is accepting bids on it's used Lexar 1001S Electronic Telephone System. Details of the system equipment may be requested from the Township Purchasing Department located at 1150 S. Canton Genter Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, or by calling (313) 397-1000. This equipment may be inspected by contacting the Purchasing Department.

All bids must be sealed and submitted by 11:00 A.M. on June 21, 1989, when the bids will be

publicly opened and read.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Loren Bennett, Clerk

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John Burdziak, Chairman Planning Commission

1989 SUMMER TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AND SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RESOLUTION NO. 89-85-23-24
WHEREAS, The Charter Township of Plymouth has collected taxes for the Intermediate School
District, Schoolcraft Community College and the Plymouth-Canton Community School District,
one of the functions of the Treasurer's Office for years; and WHEREAS, Schoolcraft Community
College has reached an agreement with the Charter Township of Plymouth to collect the 1989
taxes in the summer; now THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of
Plymouth will collect Schoolcraft Community College Taxes upon all properties located within the
Plymouth Township beginning July 1, 1989, suthorizing payment to the Charter Township of
Plymouth in the amount of \$5,510.
Roll Call: Avers Brooks Horton Munfalth Stream.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brooks, Horton, Munfakh, Stwart

Roll Call: Ayes: Brooks, Horton, Munfakh, Stwart
Nays: None
Abstain: Breen, Griffith
Abstent: Hulsing
Mr. Munfakh moved to accept the study from the Finance Committee and directed them to
continue researching alternatives for investments and to obtain legal advice on long term investments. Supported by Mr. Stewart. Ayes all.
*A copy of the report on the study of the investment policy is attached to the Official minutes.
Mr. Griffith moved to approved, the Temporary/Seasonal Wage Rates for 1989, as recommended by Mrs. Broadbent. Supported by Stewart-Ayes all.
*The Temporary/Seasonal Wage Rate for 1989 is attached to the official minutes.
Mr. Munfakh moved to adopt, on an emergency basis, the 1987 edition of the National Electrical Code, with technical amendment, to become effective upon publication. Supported by Mr.
Horton. Ayes all.

Horion. Ayes all.

Ner. Stewart moved to account the report from Fire Chief Groth and authorize the Supervisor to employ an architect to develop architectural plans and specifications and a preliminary estimate of cost for the construction of a proposed third fire station to be located on the northeast corner of North Territorial and Bock Roads. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

It was determined that it was not necessary to move into closed session to discuss All State Development vs. Phymouth Township.

Mr. Horton moved to accept the proposed Consent Judgment concerning All State Development, subject to final approval by the Director of Planning on the gates to the dumpsters, Supported by Mr. Griffith,
Rolf Cell Ayes: Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Stewart, Breen.

Nays: Munfash Absent: Hushing
Mr. Stewart moved to receive and file all items under L. Communications.— Resolutions of the state of the sta

Mr. Stewart moved to receive and file all items under L. Communications — Resolutions — Reports. Supported by Mrs. Berooks Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*The above is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular resetting on Tuesday, May
23, 1989. The full minutes of the meeting are on file in the Clerk's GOPEs, a2365 Ann Action Road,
awaiting approval by the Board at their next regular meeting, June 13, 1989. They may be read at
any time during the working hours \$:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday of this week
and from \$:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday becoming May 30, 1989.

Plan rally Saturday

Students spice up election

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Perhaps one of the most unique aspects of the 1989 school millage campaign has been the participation of students in trying to ensure the passage of a four mill increase.

Many of the members of the newly formed Student Organization for Schools (SOS) are seniors, who will not even be effected by possible budget cuts for next year if the millage fails.

But instead of concentrating on final exams, and preparing for life in the big bad world, the student activists are working to ensure that future seniors have the same opportunities as they did.

"I have a sister who's on her way to the high school, and she deserves to have a decent academic program," said Terra Wollenweber, an SOS VOTE № □ 1989

founder, and Canton senior.

SOS will hold a rally in the City of Plymouth's Kellogg Park this Saturday (June 3) to muster support for the millage increase request and to showcase the talents and accomplishments of students.

"We're going to have a number of speakers, and feature student artists, poets and musicians," Wollenweber said.

Rally begins at 3 p.m., on Saturday.

Absentee ballots available

Plymouth-Canton voters who will not be able to cast their ballots during the June 12 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools election can pick up absentee ballot applications from the board of education office.

The office, located on Harvey Street in the City of Plymouth, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through

Friday. Residents can also call 451-3135 and have ballots mailed.

Absentee ballots are available any time before the June 12 election date.

The school district is also planning a special absentee voting day on June 10 for those who are unable to vote during the regular election on June 12 and for those who are not able to fill out an absentee ballot.

In Canton, Plymouth

Rouge clean-up on tap

This year's Rouge River clean-up, sponsored by the Friends of the Rouge, is set for Saturday (June 3) at sites throughout Wayne County, including in Plymouth and Canton.

In Canton, volunteers will be at a single site – the Morton-Taylor Road bridge, just north of Michigan Avenue. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and volunteers should meet at the Township Administration Building on Canton Center Road.

A shuttle service will transport volunteers to the clean-up site following registration.

Clean-up will begin at 9 a.m. and end around noon.

Volunteers should dress in long sleeves and long pants. Hard soled shoes or boots are recommended. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. (Call 397-1000 for further information.)

James Penn, site cooridnator for the City of Plymouth, said this year's clean-up will focus on Tonquish Creek near Lions Park at Burroughs and Harding streets.

Registration is at 8 a.m. with the clean-up to start around 8:30 a.m. Call Penn at 453-1234 for further details.

PARG wins newsletter

BY SANDRA STEELE

The Public Administration Research Group (PARG) was awarded a oneyear contract to publish a new Canton government newsletter.

Canton's Board of Trustees made its decision last week after presentations by those companies seeking the contract.

PARG's low bid, as well as the free services they have provided to Canton in the past, were taken into consideration by the board. The total amount appropriated for the newsletter, including mailing costs, was not to exceed \$20,000.

The PARG staff will meet regularly with Canton officials to gather material for the four-page newsletter, which will be published quarterly and mailed to Canton residents.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the first issue might be out by the first of July to coincide with the installation of the township's new phone system, so each resident will receive a listing of the new phone numbers.

Canton Treasurer Jerry Brown, questioned "the mission of the newsletter," while Trustee Robert Shefferly credited the three local newspapers for already doing "a goodjob of informing those who want to be informed.





Community opinions

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Challenge hits right chord

Residents have a reason a cheer -- they have been issued a challenge, a challenge to take part in this year's brand new Canton Challenge Festival.

That challenge isn't one easily overlooked -there are lots of ways residents can get involved in making sure this first (of what supporters how will be many more) athletic-fitness festival is a memorable one.

Those who have put the project together should be commended for coming up with a unique way to replace the now forgotten Canton Country Festival

Now it's up to residents to take up that challenge and either-get-out-and-participate_in some of the many activities planned during the two-week festival or at least show their support. by checking out some of the events as viewers.

There aren't too many other festivals of a similar nature in southeast Michigan let alone the entire state so it's good to see Canton's festival come together smoothly and offer something different for residents.

Maybe next year's festival will be bigger and better and offer an even wider array of events and competitions. That's what supporters are

But for now, the community now has a festival to call its own, a festival worthy of taking the



A fireworks display opened this year's Challenge Festival. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

place of the Country Festival and one worthy of challenging residents to get involved.

And to have fun. THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Look beyond your nose

I am writing in support of the millage on June 12, and because I can no longer remain silent when I read letters from citizens who have quite clearly done no research at all on this millage, yet oppose it. They seem to prefer to use the same old rhetoric that those who have looked no further than the end of their noses use.

financial After pouring over statements, district comparisons, revenue and expenditure data I received from the state, not the school district, there is no other conclusion to be drawn: Plymouth-Canton Schools are in desperate financial straits.

First of all, where people get the idea that the board is "threatening" them, I do not know. This school board is made up of citizens like you and I who were elected by the voters. They hold full-time jobs and give a sizeable amount of their personal time to the job of running schools. Would they really put the well-being of their own children in jeopardy because they want to "threaten" the community? That assumption is ludicrous! Threaten? Oh, no my friend, it is fact that the cuts will oce has no other choice. If you take the time to attend a miliage information

session between now and June 12, you too, will know the facts instead of uninformed rumor.

Secondly, it is this community and its school system that will, as one uninformed citizen put it, "amount to little more than your bag of buffalo chips" if this millage does not pass. Hey, maybe you'll get your wish of lowered property values resulting in lower assessments and lower taxes. Great scenario, huh, And to think, all you had to fork over with the four mill increase (Headlee rolls back effective increase to only two mills) for a home assessed at \$50,000 (resale value \$100,000) was \$104 a year or about \$8.50 a month. I guess a loss of \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000 or more on the value of your home is worth it in your eyes? Well, not mine! The two biggest investments I will ever have are at stake here: my children and my home. For that, you bet I'm willing to pay!

Third, it is important, no, it is necessary to point out that this four mill increase is only for two years. Only two years! The board realizes our tax base, which has only begun to flourish in the past several years, will loss of state aid. Just another example of sound fiscal policy. Just the kind of

thing that ranks this 11th largest school district in the state at 286th for the amount of money spent on administrative expenses. The board would not be asking for the four mill increases if we only had to deal with

They would not be asking for the four mill combination of the two that has put this district temporarily in this unique financial circumstance. Our state aid is gone and will never come back. But, our tax base is growing and will eventually give us what the state has taken away. The state doesn't wait until you can be well supported by your tax base. Based on complicated formula at the state level, they take away state aid when you are teetering on the edge. Then while we are teetering, Headlee puts on the boxing gloves and knocks us over on our heels.

Considering all that is at stake here, you bet I'll extend my hand, pocket book, or whatever it takes to pull this. school district back up on its feet where it can then begin to rebuild and eventually walk alone.

I urge everyone to get the facts and then support our schools and our community with a "yes-yes" vote on June 12

PEGGY KALIS

Community opinions

School board actions hurt millage support

EDITOR:

School millage elections are always an emotional issue, whether you are for it or against it. In the past I have rather blindly voted for millages basing my decision on all the threats of curriculum and activity cuts.

But this year, (whether the cuts are real or imagined) I have decided to vote against the millage and the incumbent running for re-election. I realize that my children may suffer a little with the cuts, but I know even more that there is a greater harm to be done with the types of morality that is being taught in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

I have decided I will not continue to support, with tax dollars, a school district that is run by board members who vote consistently to continue to show R-rated movies; one that allows occult and Satanic materials in the classrooms and libraries, and one that will not teach a set of moral values held by the majority in the school district.

My first commitment in life is to God then to my family. When I see the abuse in the classroom under the name of education I will not be silent. My commitment to God will not let me be

silent about what I know to be wrong. My commitment to my children will not let me be silent and let them be subject to false morality and standards.

I also realize that I may receive much criticism from friends and teachers at the school my three children attend, because of my unwillingness to support the millage. I believe in education and I have supported and helped as I could in the school. I am not withdrawing that support or help. But I will not support millage increases to a school district when its board members refuse to respond to the requests of parents and groups like Citizens for Better Education (CBE) to remove R-rated movies, and occult and Satanic type teachings.

The dollar, or the absence of it will speak loudly as to what we are willing to put up with. Voting in men like Bob Anderson will go a long way to help our schools get on the right road. Please vote against the millage in June and send a letter to the school board and tell them you want changes to be made.

KATHY RUCINSKI

Resist attempts to handicap students

EDITOR:

As a participant in a recent discussion with Diane Daskalaskis on the local cable program, Human Images, I wanted to raise an important issue which time did not permit me to make during the taping.

At the end of the show, Diane read several excerpts from The Metro Times which she said she objected to. She read them in front of students and on a student program intended for public viewing. Thus, Diane actually read the very ideas she would like censored from the students. Of course she read them to enable the audience to understand her point of view, Without including the ideas themselves, her objections would have been without context and meaningless.

In other words, Diane did exactly what she is trying to prevent teachers from doing and she did it for exactly the reasons good teachers do it; she presented controversial ideas in order to help the students understand a point of view about them. The only difference is she only wanted the students to understand her perspective, whereas a good teacher introduces more than one side of the story.

I do not object to her reading of these excerpts, but I wish to press two points: one, the irony of Diane reading the very ideas she would like censored, and two, that censoring ideas (especially because they are controversial) serves only to deprive the learner of the very information they need to understand different points of view.

Ultimately the effect of such censorship is to severely limit the learner's development for making intelligent and reasoned judgments of their own, In a country, and now world, with intense competition of ideas, it is vital that our children have the opportunities to develop the capacity to understand many different points of view, to think critically about ideas, and to have the ability to rationally defend the values and principles which this country offers.

I urge the citizens of this community to resist the dangerous attempts of Diane and the CBE to handicap the children of this community.

DR. STEPHENS, WILLIAMS
CANTON HIGH SCHOOL
SOCIAL STUDIES DEPART
MENT

Minding the store

EDITOR

I am a student and I don't think it would be fair if parents weren't allowed in the classroom. I don't think that having visitors in the classroom is a sign of disorganization. If anything, it is the opposite. If teachers were to keep parents out of the classroom, the parents might think that something wrong was going on. I know that if my mom was told that she couldn't enter my class, she may set suspicious

In defense of the teachers, they are responsible for planning the lessons on their own time, giving grades, keeping student records, and monitoring the halls. If you walked through my school between classes, you would see almost all of the teachers in the hallway. They might not keep all of the records, but they are in charge of keeping attendance and issuing grades. As for lesson plans, whose time do you think they do them on?

"WHO'S MINDING THE STORE?" I think the taxpayers are. If they pay for the classroom, why shouldn't they be able to see them in use? If they pay the teachers, they might as well see them in action. Why have it any other way?

JUDY GRASER EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

Avoid automatic raises for staff, officials

EDITOR

I am writing this letter in response to the article regarding pay raises for the three elected administrators in Canton Township; the supervisor, clerk and treasurer. The compensation issue has in the past created a great deal of emotion and will continue doing so in the future. I feel a compelling need to express my opinion on the matter.

In 1988 the township's Merit Commission made several recommendations for pay increases which were ultimately adopted. The commission also recommended that future increases for our administrators be tied to those of the various department heads. That is the point of contention to my way of thinking. I equate that to the deplorable situation that exists in our Congress today. Congress gets a raise everytime U.S. Government employes receive one. Then they have the gall to try and ramrod separate pay increases through. This last time the people spoke up loud and clear and said enough is enough. Will the same thing happen in Canton?

Our department heads are eminently qualified to fill the positions they occupy as evidenced by the length of time each has been employed. They have the right to negotiate their pay with their employers to insure adequate compensation for the times we live in. Our administrators should also negotiate with their employers, the voters of Canton Township. If our elected officials receive an increase

every year automatically then the matter is entirely out of the hands of the people they serve.

My point is this, elected officials pay should never be tied in with the pay of salaried, contracted employes. The compensation of elected officials must at the very least be presented as an agenda item during an open township board meeting. All facets must be debated publicly, and then voted on, to be a matter of public record. Then an interval of time should be established to allow input from the citizenry.

Statements have been made in the past that in order to attract "quality" individuals to seek elected office they must be paid adequately. Individuals who make that statement after being elected to public office must not viewal themselves as "quality," otherwise why would they have sought elected office for jobs that are thought to be underpaid? To our elected officials I ask you to please stop using that statement. If you feel a raise is justified, argue the merits openly. Keep the people informed. Allow your employers the opportunity to express their opinions, and then listen to them.

Lastly, don't allow automatic pay increases to become the rule. By allowing automatic pay increases you create an attitude that destroys initiative and fosters complacency which will have the opposite effect to attracting qualified individuals to seek elective office.

RALPH H. SHUFELDT

Community opinions

Teacher: schools not stagnant, but need money

EDITOR:

An article in the May 4, 1989 Detroit Free Press claimed U.S. schools are stagnant." Our new Secretary of Education, Lauro Cavazos, said, "We are standing still," and it scares him. If I thought Plymouth-Canton Schools were stagnant, 1'd be scared, too.

I see little evidence of stagnation at the school where I work, however. This year's Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University was unindated with students from Canton High School. Nancy Koppin took a group of students who won \$2,000 state grant to perform a multi-media presentation on the subject of light. Students wrote the script and the music and performed it. Phyllis Mann's Creative Writing class produced a magazine, Voices, which won a certificate of merit at the same festival.

Gloria Logan's drama class students were also selected to represent the state of Michigan secondary theatre as a result of a statewide competition. Our humanities program has won the National Council of Teachers of English Certificate of Excellence, and the 1988 CEP Yearbook, The Plythean, received a third place certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association annual contest. Our school newspaper, The Perspective, has been in the top one per cent in the nation for the past two years.

Having started only three years ago, our debate team is already 10th in the state and our forensics team finished seventh. Forensics student Carmelita Reyes was alternate to the national tournament, and one of our writers, Heidi Neuroth, just won Wayne County Intermediate School District's Ninth Annual Student Writing Competition. This record of achievements is hardly evidence of stagnation. On the contrary, they indicate students have not only mastered basic skills in reading, writing and speaking but have excelled in these areas. Other departments at our high school could boast similar records of achievement.

It's a pretty impressive record, especially if one considers the per-pupil spending is \$3,334 which is below the state average — indeed it is the lowest in Wayne County. The national per-pupil spending average is \$4,509. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, which backs the eight mill renewal and the four mill tax increase, found Plymouth-Canton school district is ranked 11th in the state in student population but, also 286th out of 525 school districts in the state for spending per pupil. Does this mean Cavaso is correct when he said school

improvement is "not a matter of dollars?" (Detroit Free Press, May 5, 1989). Is local school board member Barbara Graham to be believed when she says "Money doesn't always equate to a better school system?"

I hardly think so. It may be true that money won't solve the problems in our public schools. But it will provide the materials teachers need. One class we offer has four sections next year. Current required texts, held together by book tape, barely cover three sections. Money could solve the problem of class size and provide specialized help for students with reading problems. It will save our pinkslipped award winning debate and journalism teachers, as well as many others. It will maintain our current sixhour day. It will pay for building repairs. It will prevent devastation of our music program.

President of the MEA Larry Chunovich took issue with critics like Cavazos and Graham when he commented that, "we've been barely putting enough money into education to maintain the status quo." (Free Press May 4, 1989)

Cavazos claims that there has been a national increase in per-pupil spending of nearly 26 per cent between 1982 and 1987. According the Plymouth school board member Dean Schwartwelter this figure does not take into account the 23 per cent inflation rate during the same period. Plymouth-Canton schools may not be stagnant, but they would quickly become so if the millage fails. I urge citizens to get out and vote to maintain and improve the school system that has attracted many people to this community.

BARBARA MASTERS ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CANTON HIGH SCHOOL

CBE should see big picture

FOITOR

This letter is in regard to Diane Daskalakis and the Citizens for Better Education group.

Are these citizens really for better education?

If they were then I would think that they would be for freedom of expression in education considering that learning to understand and appreciate the freedoms we have in this country is basic to understanding our society. I would also think that they would be aware enough of modern society to realize that the materials they are trying to ban are widely available and most likely have been read or observed by students already.

Daskalakis is depleting the time that the school board might use otherwise by making them review all of her requests. And she is using up valuable space in the press that could be used to better educate the public about other important issues.

In my opinion, citizens that favor better education would not be wasting their time trying to ban teaching materials that staff members have appropriately reviewed. Instead they would support the school board's decisions and allow them to spend time and effort on issues that focus on the big picture in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

AMY POLLACK

CBE effects saddening

P-C curriculum excellent

EDITOR:

To begin with, I am not a resident of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. I hope that this fact does not immediately dismiss my observations as being without credit.

Twelve years ago I was hired as a counselor at Salem High School. At that time, I had been a teacher and counselor in other districts in Michigan for 20 years.

I was first impressed by the extensive curriculum offered to students in this school district. I had never seen such a wide variety of offerings allowing for a fine educational opportunity for students of diverse aptitudes, abilities and interests. Never in history has a country had such a diversified population to educate as the U.S.A. Plymouth-Canton Schools offered this pluralistic population of young people the opportunity to become productive citizens of their country.

It saddens me to see the effect of the attacks of the CBE folks on Plymouth-

Canton Schools over the past few years. I see a fine school district, and one which residents could feel proud of and secure in, being undermined. If these attacks, innuendoes and harassments are allowed to continue, I fear for the future of the school district I have come to respect.

There are already subtle changes effected by the intrusion of zealous who are sure their beliefs are right for overyone. What they purport is un-American, (contrary to their wrapping themselves in the flag), and makes a mockery of the Constitution. This country became a refuge for people from countries where they were being persecuted in a similar way to that which the CBE people are committed.

The United States of America became a world power because of the success of its democratic system. One who studies history knows that great powers have fallen if the foundation is undermined.

We must not let this happen here. DIANE POMISH

Salvation Army needs help

EDITOR:

You've heard of the "good news - bad news" situations?

Well ... here's ours — the good news is; our Salvation Army friends in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area have been wonderful in their support of our on-going Army programs to help the less fortunate. Your generosity at Christmas time helped us make the past holiday season more enjoyable to those in need in our community.

For that, and much more, you deserve a great big THANK YOU.

The bad news?? We had expected by now to have paid off the mortgage on our new Community Center facility. When we broke ground approximately eight years ago, we had pledges and contributions to cover the cost of our proposed building project. However, due to financial reverses, deaths and other personal reasons, our building fund is depleted with \$140,000 still

owing on the facility.

Normally, at this time, we appeal to your generosity for general funds. For this one time only, however, we will designate all funds received in response to this letter for our building fund account. If every household receiving this letter would contribute \$25, \$50, \$100... more if you can, we could burn the mortgage and get on with the real business of The Salvation Army ... Heart to God, Hand to Man!

If you feel that you cannot help at this time, we'll understand. We thank you for all your past kindness and generosity and God bless you and yours.

JAMES M. JABARA CHAIRMAN ADVISORY BOARD

MAJOR ROBERT J. GEDDIS CORPS COMMANDER

According to audit

Canton: financially sound

BY SANDRA STEELE

Canton is financially sound according to the results of an audit conducted by Plante and Moran, CPAs.

Bruce Berend, of Plante and Moran, presented the results to the Canton Board of Trustees last Tuesday and commended the elected officials for their budgeting success.

Overall, the township's revenues exceeded the expenditures, said Berend. The general fund, the fire fund, the police fund, and the water

and sewer fund were highlighted in the visual presentation, and expenditures for each proved to be within the boundaries of the budget, he said.

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A comparison study also indicated that revenues, which are derived primarily from property taxes, have continued to increase over the past three years, said Berend.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the positive results of the audit came as no surprise.

"We monitor the budget on a regular basis," he said.

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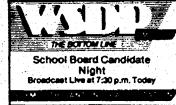
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Friends & Neighbors







In a hidden corner of Plymouth Township wanderers will run into tree after tree of carvings, dating back to the 1930's.

Sacred place haunts visitors

Like shadowy ghosts of the past offering a link to the present, they leave the casual visitor in a mystic, almost nostalgic mood.

A rover would find them in a sparse Plymouth Township woods near Hines Park and the north-south CSX railroad line, along the crest of what has been cleverly dubbed "Heartbreak Ridge."

They are the carvings of youth and the initials of more carefree days, reminders of an era long gone, of innocence now lost.

Nowhere else in Plymouth-Canton does a wanderer come into contact with such beautifully simple relics of the past, symbols cut into the hardened bark of tree after tree along the winding ridgeline.

They betray nothing to the outside world that has yet to see them, but answer everything to those who stumble this way.

They are the motionless graffiti of friends and neighbors, the signs of young love — important dates for the artists, dates that stretch back before 1930.

Though humble under a bright canopy of swaying trees, the carvings are a testimony to the whim of our human mind and its desire for something everlasting. They hint at the shape of the human heart and betray a graceful use of nature's resources.

Hearts, peace signs, and

symbols of gender line the waists of each tree (there are 20-30 trees grouped in uneven clumps along the ridge). They jostle for space with the seemingly endless pairs (and groups) of initials.

Turn one way to read "We know swing," or another to see "Gail F. and Lenny M, '68." Look for "Z...Zoro" and "Ed loves Eleanor 1948." Check out "I love Todd" and "I love you Bonnie." Watch for "Leonard July 4 1951," and "M.L. & S.S. 1955 and 1956."

After a while one can almost stop and listen as the past comes alive, echoing in silent song from tree to tree.

It is a sacred place, a time capsule for all to see.

KEN VOYLES



Photos by

Dan Jarvis

Tell it to Phyllis Redfern

Vacations are great -- until they come to an end. Trying to reenter the world of reality after spending eight days on the west coast is almost impossible.

The first day back at work is always a fiasco. I love being greeted with an overflowing mail box, a million and one messages and discovering that someone has moved some of the piles on my desk. You know you've been missed when everyone comes in to welcome you back with a list of things they've been waiting to discuss with you.

Reality is so hard, especially when the clock at the office reads 8:30 a.m. and your watch and body are still at 5:30 a.m. No wonder I felt like I had gotten up in the middle of the night — I had.

Added to all the fun I was having was the fact that the publisher and I were overlapping our work schedules by an hour. Since we try to make it a point never to be gone at the same time, we had an hour to throw fragments of information back and forth at each other (in between phone calls and talking to the staff) before he left.

By noon I had kicked the publisher out, met with half the staff, hired someone, accepted a few phone calls and forgot to return the call to my daughter. By the end of the day I met with the rest of the staff, sorted through the messages and started returning phone calls, moved the stack of mail from one side of the desk to the other, misplaced a few messages, lost my glasses, then decided to follow the rest of the staff and get the heck out of there.

Wow, what happened to the days of walking along the beach, watching the waves roll in? It's amazing how you can be completely relaxed one day and totally harried the next.

Well, I think I've discovered reality (even found my glasses), I'm still playing telephone tag with a few people, but I'm making progress at getting things sorted out. All that's left of the vacation is the memories, a sunburned nose and the dry skin peeling on my arms.

There's no doubt about it, I definitely need another vacation to recover from my first day back.

Jennifer Croll, daughter of George Croll of Plymouth recently pledged Zeta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta women's social fraternity. She is a student at Wittenberg University.

Jeffrey Bennett, a 1986 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, was honored for his student leadership at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI.

Sgt. David Takaki has graduated from the 58-day Ranger course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, GA. The son of Karin Witcher and James Takaki of Oregon Trail in Plymouth, he is a 1984 graduate of Canton High School.

Wendy Morgan of Plymouth has been named a resident assistant for the 1989-90 school year at Ohio Wesleyan University. She is the daughter of Donald and Judy Morgan of Plymouth.

Students from Canton earning a 4.0 at MSU are: Gregory Drake of Runnymeade; Sherri Jacobsen of Copeland Circle; and Teresa Schaller of Corbin, Matthew Talbot of Ridgewood in Plymouth also received a 4.0.

Spec. Don McDonell has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in West Germany. The son of Gerald and Bruna McDonell of Apple Creek, he is a 1985 graduate of Canton High School.

Plymouth students receiving degrees from Northern Michigan University are: Joseph Burns of Judson, BS in Physical Education; and Lauren Pearson of Church, BS in Speech Education.

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EMPLOYE INVOLVEMENT SEMINAR

The Plymouth, Northville and Livonia Chambers of Commerce will host a seminar on Employe Involvement on June 15 at Schoolcraft College. Registration is at 8 a.m. with the program until 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members, For information and reservations call the Plymouth Community Chamber at 453-1540.

9TH ANNUAL SCRAMBLES GOLF TOURNEY

The 9th Annual Canton Scrambles Golf Tournament is set for June 18 at 11 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Course. The cost is \$54 per team. Eighteen holes with three-member teams. For further information call 397-5110. Entry deadline is

STRAIGHT WALK-A-THON

The Parent Booster Club of Straight, Inc., will be sponsoring a walk-a-thon on June 24. The six-mile walk through Plymouth will help raise funds to support the facility's treatment of chemically addicted youths. For further information call 453-2610.

CEP BANDS FINAL CONCERT

The Centennial Educational Park (CEP) bands will present their Finale Concert on June 2 in the Salem High auditorium at 8 p.m. There is no admission. for the concert. A reception will follow in the Salem cafeteria. Call 451-6600 for

OPEN SKATING AT CENTER

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering summer open skating from June 23 to Aug. 27 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The cost is \$1.25 for adults, \$1 for children. Skate rental is 75 cents. For further information call 455-6620.

SUMMER ARTS AND CRAFTS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its 4th annual Summer Arts and Crafts Show on June 2-3 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The show features more than 65 artisans. Admission and parking are free. For hours call 455-6620.

WALK-RUN FOR LITERACY

The 1989 Walk/Run for Literacy will be held on June 4 from 1-3 p.m. at the Canton Public Library and Canton Recreation Complex. Sponsored by Mc-Donald's and the Canton Rotary with funds to help the Community Literacy Council. Pledge sheets available at local schools, Canton Public Library and the Canton Chamber of Commerce office. For further information call 451-6555.

EAST SCHOOL CONCERT

The East Middle School Band will host its final concert of the school year on June 8 at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

CHOLESTEROL CHECK

The Henry Ford Medical Center-Plymouth will offer a cholesterol screening from 3-7 p.m. today (May 31) for a cost of \$5. To make an appointment call 453-5600.

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

Oakwood Canton Health Center Volunteer Guild will host a Gigantic Garage and Bake Sale on June 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Look for the big tent at the corner of Warren and Canton Center roads in Canton. For further information call 459-7030.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

The American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post 391 will host its business meeting at 7:30 p.m. on June 8. This will be the last business meeting for the 1988-89 year. Next meeting on Sept. 14. For further information call Cornelius VanBoven at 453-7629 or Jim Maahs at 455-5541.

ST JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS

The 50-Up Club will meet at St. John Neumann church in Canton on June 6. Guests are welcome. For further information call Betty at 459-4091.

CABARET CONCERT

The Centennial Educational Park (CEP) Choirs will perform their annual pops cabaret concert "Sing-Sation '89" on June 2-3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Canton High cafeteria. For ticket information call 451-6600, Limited tickets at the door with a \$3 donation.

PCAAT MEETING

The final meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented (PCAAT) for the school year will be held at 7 p.m. on June 6 at the Canton Public Library Meeting Room, Jack Farrow will discuss the upcoming Plymouth-Canton Community Schools millage vote.



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TOASTMASTERS MEETING

The Oral Majority Toastmasters will meet next Tuesday ta 6 p.m. at the Denny's on Ann Arbor Road near 1-275. Call 455-1635.

ARTRAIN IS COMING

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will be hosting the return of Michigan's Artrain on June 1-4. This year's exhibit focuses on a history of American toys. For further information call 455-5260.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Plymouth Children's Nursery will host its annual Ice Cream Social on June 4 at 1 p.m. (rain date is June 11). Alumni, present members and anyone interested is welcome. There will be games, balloons, bake sale and a raffle. The school is located at 5835 N. Sheldon Rd. For further details call 455-9044.

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

The Three Cities Art Club will host its Annual Spring Art Show on June 16-18 at the Novi Hilton on Haggerty Road. The free exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Juror Marjorie Chellstrop, a faculty member at Madonna College, will present awards at 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Many of the artworks will be available for sale. Call 453-3710 for further information.

PLYMOUTH YMCA 10TH ANNUAL RUN

The Plymouth Family YMCA 10th Annual Run is set for Sunday, June 18 through the streets of downtown Plymouth. There are three races -- one mile fun run, and five and 10 kilometer races. The pre-registration fee is \$8 for the one mile and \$10 for the five and 10 kilometer runs. Cost on the morning of the race is \$10 for the one mile and \$12 for the other two races. There are 14 age divisions for male and female. Plaques for overall winners and medals for top division winners. Long sleeve t-shirts are included in the race fee. Refreshments available to runners at the finish. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The fun run and five kilometer start at 8 a.m. with 10 kilometer at 8:45 a.m. Applications, routes and other information through the Plymouth YMCA. Call 453-2904.

CANTON 5 MILE RUN

The 11th Annual Canton Five Mile Run is set for June 24 at 9 a.m. Open to all ages — 14 and under through 50 and older. Check in and late registration at 8 a.m. at Canton's Administration building. Cost is \$6 in advance and \$7 on race day. For further information call 397-5110. Special prizes donated for participants. Refreshments at finish line.

CLASS OF 1954 REUNION

The Plymouth High School Class of 1954 is planning a reunion for Sept. 2 this year at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For more information call Jackie O'Neil Brown at 422-6917 or Jean Polley Passage at 453-7454.

PLYMOUTH CROQUET INVITE

On June 4 Kellogg Park in the City of Plymouth will be the scene of the first Plymouth Croquet Invitational. Entry fee is \$12.50. Play begins at 1 p.m. For entry forms and further information call 459-3733.

JUNIOR GOLF LEAGUE

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Junior Golf League at Fellows Creek-this summer with action beginning on June 19. Cost is \$30 and includes six nine-hole rounds, a golf clinic and a nine-hole tournament at the end of six weeks. Two clinics on June 21-22. Mandatory clinic attendance before starting the program. Call the recreation department at 397-5110 for further details.

NEW MORNING CLASSES

New Morning School will also be offering Discovery Days classes and Academic Summer School this summer. Discovery Days are from June 20-29, July 11-27 and Aug. 1-10, while the summer school is set for July 10-Aug. 10 for grades two-four and five-eight. Call 420-3331 for further details.

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

The Salem girls soccer pledge per car-wash will now be held at Salem High on June 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All tickets will be honored.

SENIORS POTLUCK

All senior citizens are invited to the monthly potluck luncheon at noon on June 5 in the Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church on North Territorial. Bring food dish to pass and table service. Program will include a Plymouth Historical Museum tour.

SUMMER ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting its fourth annual Summer Arts and Crasts Show at the Plymouth Cultural Center on June 2-3. Show hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days. More than 60 exhibitors will be on hand. Admission and parking are both free. For surther information call 455-6620.

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Heath, auto worker

Arvy G. Heath, 87, of Canton, died May 21 in Manchester, Ml. Services were held May 24 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. John Grenfell officiating.

Mr. Heath retired from Ford Motor Company after 45 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, and a life member of the Plymouth Masonic Rock Lodge No. 47 F and A.M.

Survivors include: wife Norma; son Arvy "Tom," of Manchester; grand-daughter Anna, of Manchester; grandson Thomas, of Manchester; great-grandson Zachary Jacob, of Manchester; brother John Beck, of Florida; and sister Mary Instid, of Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Washtenaw County Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Sieloff, security guard

Calvin M. Sieloff, 63, of Tavares, FL, died May 16 in Leesburg FL. Services were held May 22 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Pasto J. Mark Barnes officiating.

Mr. Sieloff, formerly of Plymouth, was a security guard with General Motors for 15 years, and a former motel owner. He was raised in the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge No. 47 F. and A.M. in 1951. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Tavares, FE, the Tavares Masonic Lodge No. 234 F. and A.M., was a past master of the Tavares Lodge, and past president of the Tavares Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include: wife Mary; son Gerald, of Plymouth; daughter Laura Irene Stidham of Dexter; brother Arthur, of Bellvue, QH; and grandchildren Jason and Mary Stidham, and Aaron and Corinna Sieloff.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.



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Lynch, a homemaker

Mary Ellen Lynch, 91, of Plymouth Township, died May 12, in Farmington. Services were held May 15, at United Memorial Gardens Cemetery, with the Rev. Richard Henderson officiating.

Mrs. Lynch was a homemaker. She came to Plymouth in 1978, from Livonia. She was a member of the Livonia Christian Church and a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include: daughter Dorothy Hennis, of Plymouth; granddaughters Rebecca Mongrain, of Old Hickory, TN, and Paula Joyner-Clinard; of Novi; and great-grandsons Paul Joyner and Jacob Mongrain.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Daczkowski, of Hartland

Mary Daczkowski, 75, of Hartland, MI, died May 12, in Livonia. Services were held May 16, at St. Mary's Church, McKeesport, PA.

Mrs. Daczkowski was a homemaker. She grew up in the Glassport-Clairton area of Pennsylvania, and moved to McKeesport when she married in 1950. She had lived in the Wayne County area since 1961, and came to Plymouth in 1977. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Survivors include: daughter Mary Conlan, of Brighton; granddaughters Katie, Courtney and Stephanie; and sister Helen Whoolery, of Clairton, PA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Kidney Foundation.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Fink, store manager

Angus R. Fink, 80, of Canton, died May 17 in Livonia. Services were held May 19 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Klaus Mehrl officiating.

Mr. Fink, who came to Canton in 1978 from Dearborn Heights, was the manager of Sim's Men's Wear for more than 30 years.

Survivors include: wife Gerry; daughter Sandra Baer, of Plymouth; grandson Derek Baer, of Plymouth; sisters Nina Bixler and Helen Fowler; and brother Willard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Risen Christ Lutheran Church of

Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Holly, WWII veteran

Charles T. Holly, 73, of Plymouth, died May 12, in Livonia. Services were held May 15, at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Fr. John A. Parenza officiating.

Mr. Holly retired in 1973, after 39 years as a cost analyst with the Willow Run Fisher Body Division of General Motors. He came to Plymouth in 1959, from Lansing. He worked with Junior Achievement while he was at Fisher Body. He also was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include: wife Doris E., of Plymouth; sons Charles T., of Canton, and James P. Tof Plymouth; daughter Cynthia Oberg, of Birmingham; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Martin, of Farmington

Ralph Martin, 81, of Farmington, died May 15, at Botsford Hospital. Private services were held at Ross B. Northrop and Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Martin retired in 1967, after 29 years as a grinder operator with the Burroughs Corporation. He moved to Farmington in 1984, from Detroit. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Farmington.

Survivors include: wife Jeanette; sons Dennis, of Novi, and Robert, of South Lyon; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Akhtar, dental surgeon

Humayun Akhtar, 66, of Canton, died May 16, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Services were held May 17, at Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home, with Nasir Malik officiating.

Mrs. Akhtar was a dental surgeon.

Survivors include: husband Halima (Mujtaba); sons Arif Humayan and Asif Humayan, both of Canton; daughters Farzana Shah, of Canton, Farhana Ahmed of Naperville, IL., and Rukhusana Ahmad, of Orlando, FL.; seven grand-children; two sisters; and two brothers.

Interment was in Lakeview Memorial Parks, Sykesville, MD.



Getting down to business



The staff, flanked by Samuel Alvarado Sr. on the left and Samuel Jr. on the right, at Canton's new Mexican Fiesta restaurant knows what it's like to cook the real thing. The entery specializes - what else? - in Mexican-American food. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

Hot, hot, hot A touch of Mexico!

BY ROBIN LAKE

Plymouth-Canton residents won't need to travel south of the border for authentic Mexican food. Instead, they may find it in their own community at the new Mexican Fiesta restaurant.

The restaurant, which recently opened-in-Canton-at-the-corner of Sheldon and Ford roads, is owned by the Elvarado family, who are of Mexican descent.

"Mexican food has become very popular to the American palate," said Samuel Elvarado Jr. "It's become a staple in the American diet.'

Employe seminar involvement

Getting employes involved in the workplace and caring about their job performance is a major issue for many employers.

In response to that, the Plymouth, Northville and Livonia Chambers of Commerce, are sponsoring a seminar Employe involvement, at Schoolcraft College on June 15.

Nancy Badore, executive director for Ford's Executive Development Center, is the guest speaker. Registration is set for 8 a.m. with the program to start at 8:30 a.m.

The seminar is sponsored by the three chambers and Schoolcraft

The cost is \$15 for members (and \$10 for each additional person from the same company). Non-member cost is

For further information call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 453-1540.

Mexican Fiesta offers traditional Mexican food, which Elvarado considers typical of the northeastern region of Mexico, such as tacos, burritos, re-fried beans, enchiladas, tostados, and mole (a chocolate and pecan sauce served over chicken). Elvarado considers the mole some of the best he's ever tasted.

American dishes are also served, in addition to foods such as chili that are not traditionally Mexican but are frequently mistaken for traditional

The Canton restaurant is the second Mexican Fiesta. The original was opened 26 years ago in Dearborn Heights by Elvarado's father, who learned to cook in the U.S. Army, and a partner, in 1983, the Elvarados aquired full ownership, and in 1988, Mexican Fiesta was named one of the top 500 restaurants in the country by Restaurant Hospitality magazine.

"Our food here is very authentic," said Elvarado. "We make our own meats and tamales here, and bring in ingredients from Mexico."

He also stressed customer service and family atmosphere as key to the success of the restaurant.

"We give value to what we do," he added. "We extend respect to our customers and employes."

The restaurant has received a regular following at the Dearborn Heights store, Elvarado said.

"Some customers have been coming a couple times a week for 20 years," he said, adding that he was looking foward to working in the area and hoped to continue the quality service of the original store.

"We really enjoy cooking and serving." said Elvarado, "It gives us tremendous pleasure to know our customers are pleased.".

In Canton

Employe changes approved

Proposed changes for Canton employes won approval by the Canton Board of Trustees.

A union contract for the Fraternal Order of Police, which represents the sergeants and lieutenants, was ratified when the board met last Tuesday.

The four-year contract, which expires in December, has a reopener clause for non-wage issues that became effective Jan. 1. A new contract was presented to the board by Personnel Director Dan Durack.

Major changes in the contract included a change in pension vesting from 10 years to four years, and an increase in the maximum longevity pay from \$500 to \$700. The maximum will be increased to \$800 next year.

Durack said these changes were negotiated as a result of the recent. ratification of a new contract with the Police Officers -Association of Michigan (POAM), which made similar changes. The POAM represents the regular police officers.

A tuition reimbursement plan also was approved for Canton's supervisory

employees.

Each employe, who attends classes, will be reimbursed a maximum of \$400 for tuition costs, if they successfully complete the class with a grade of C or better, A completed request form must be approved by Durack and a department head before the class begins.

The fund will provide \$4,000 for the remainder of 1989, and \$8,000 for next year. The amount was based on projected enrollment and current tuition rates, and is expected to meet the township's needs. The plan will be reviewed in one year to make any necessary adjustments.

All of the township employes will benefit from the approved change in the township pension plan. The 10 year vesting plan was reduced to four years and applied to all township employes.

The board supported the changes and after a brief discussion voted thumbs up on all three issues.

Committee changes

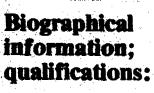
Canton is reorganizing its Beautification Committee to seek additional members to serve on the community committtee.

Canton residents interested in joining the committee should call Dave Nicholson, Community Economic Development department, at 397-1000, ext. 220.

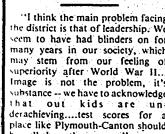
The committee will be establishing new goals and activities over the next few months and will also consider a 10-year beautification master

That plan would include identifying projects and time lines for further beautifying the township.,





Problems



"We need something to wake us up the school district is not getting the message. I'm neither for nor against the renewal... if it didn't pass, it would certainly not mean the end of education in Plymouth-

ontent is important

"Barbara Graham was acting as a chool board member, and we've dragged CBE into it....None of us were there (in Masters' classroom) -he was the only adult in the room, and she refutes a lot of what they (students) say....It was not iberate----it--was-an-informal liscussion with students that got blown way out of proportion."



ROBERT ANDERSON

Robert Anderson, Jr., 32, of anton, is a financial planner with a armington Hills firm. He has been member of Canton's Recreation Advisory Committee, and a precinct delegate for the Republican party. He has a BS from Central Michigan niversity. He has two children in he school district, and has voted in three of four school elections since

egistering in the district in 1986. Anderson has been endorsed by itizens for Better Education (BE). He said that he may spend ver \$1,000 in the campaign.

"I think the main problem facing he district is that of leadership. We seem to have had blinders on for many years in our society, which may stem from our feeling of superiority after World War II... Image is not the problem, it's substance -- we have to acknowledge that out kids are underachieving....test scores for a place like Plymouth-Canton should be well above the average."

'It's really a moot question...but think beefing up existing course



DAVID ARTLEY

David Artley, 44, of Canton, is currently board president. He was elected to the board in 1983. He is a development officer with Spectrum Human Services, and has a BS in history, with a minor in business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Artley is married, has five children (two are graduates, and one curently attends school in the district) and two grandchildren. He has voted in 10 of 12 school elections since 1982.

Artley has received the endorsement of the district's employe unions, and the Committee for Academic Freedom and excellence (CAFE). He plans to spend over \$4,000 during this campaign.

"There are (eight) important challenges that the district faces, including: school finance reform at the state level; joint ventures with businesses; keeping people involved; acheivement, keeping MEAP scores above average; keeping curriculum coordinators; choosing a new superintendent in the next few years; and concerns about the right of dissent and not forcing opinions on others."

"If you think we need something to wake us up, you have not been in the schools. Unequivocally yes to

"The board looked at a number of options, and I supported the consensus that 24 teachers be rehired, that the three elementary schools be re-roofed, that textbook and supply budgets be restored, and that schools be opened in the evenings for community organizations to use."

"School board members have a responsibility to be involved, and that includes going into classrooms... But as leaders, we have to follow certain protocol, and to set a good example..., If I want to check out some material, I ask the teacher or building level administrator for it first.



CARL BATTISHILL

Carl Battishill, 36, of Plymouth. taught music in the district for six years, and is now director of bands at West Bloomfield High School. He has been director of the Plymouth Community Band for a number of years, and is music director for the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Battishill has a BA and MA in music from the U-M. He was recently married, and has no children.

He has voted in 11 of 13 school elections since 1981. He plans to spend about \$1,000 during the campaign.

"The most significant problem is that of public image. The district has lost the trust and support of the community by not presenting itself in a positive light... We need to work to regain this trust and support.'

"I enthusiastically support both the renewal and increase.

"The first thing I would restore would be the attendance office -- I'll bet we're losing 300 kids a day because there's no one enforcing the attendance policy. Second would be supply budget, then textbooks."

"Barb approached her visit in the wrong way. She lost touch with her role at that time. She didn't perceive herself as a partner in education -which all board members should strive to be It would be beneficial for everyone involved if she would व्यवस्थान प्रमार भी तीन स्थात



MARY BUTI

Mary Buti, 33, of Canton, is managing editor of "Michigan Entreprenuer," a small business publication. She also works with the Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, and has been active with the Michigan Business Women's Association.

Buti is not married, and has no children. She has a BS in communication from Eastern Michigan University.

Buti has not voted in either of the two school elections held since she registered to vote here in January, 1988. She plans to spend less than \$100 during this campaign.

"The most significant problem is the financial crunch -- we don't have everything that money can buy, not by any measure...We're in a strange situation, and we need a more equitable solution at the state

"Based on my own research, I support both requests."

"I support many of the restorations that the board approved -- the roofs need to be fixed, and textbook and supply budgets need to be restored.

"Barbara Graham made a grave error in judgment, and she's paying for it now. It's unfortunate that it happened at this time - it allowed certain groups to capitalize on the publicity, and take attention away. from other, more important issues. I wish it hadn't happened:



BRIAN KIDSTON

Brian Kidston, 52, of Plymouth, is a former teacher and administrator with the district. currently practicing law in Plymouth. He is a graduate of Plymouth High Scchool, and has a BA, MA, and PhD in education from U-M, and a juris doctorate from Detroit College of Law.

Kidston's two daughters graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools, and his wife teaches second grade at Allen Elementary School.

Kidston voted in 34 of 35 school elections between 1964 and 1984. Since leaving the school district's employ, he has voted in two of seven school elections. He plans to spend under \$1,000 during this campaign.

"I would like to see the structure in this district decentralized, to allow for more control by students and parents. We need to put decision making back into the school building....There is no one way to educate a child...there are many ways to develop a mind, and we need to all work to explore those many ways. Lets build some diversity into our school system."

"I support both the renewal and increase.

"I think we should get the class sizes down, and I see a distinct need for materials and textbooks, as well as to work on the physical plant, and opening buildings in the evenings.

"I have a concern with the visit...I don't think evaluation of materials should be done on an ad hoc basis...As for CBE, I am concerned that we are losing sight of the democratic process. They have a right to speak. Are we becoming so polarized that we cannot communicate?"



JOAN KOTCHER

Joan Kotcher, 48, of Canton, is a part time human resources management consultant. She has been active in district PTOs for-a number of years, and is currently president of the TAG Parents

Kotcher is married and has two children: one currently attending Plymouth-Canton schools, and one recent graduate. She has a BA in theoretical mathematics from the U-M, and an MBA from Tennessee Christian University.

Kotcher has voted in 11 of 14 school elections since registering in the district in 1980. She plans to spend about \$200 during the campaign.

"Our most fundamental problem achievement. Since the 1950's funding for education has tripled, but achievment has remained steady. We have everything money can buy - now we have to start doing things that money can't buy."

"The eight mills are for survival. The four are to keep us where we

"Standardized testing must be restored -- without it, we have no way of telling how we're doing....Secondly, restore the textbook budget, and thirdly, we need to have foreign languages in the elementary schools where they

"It's a real shame that the board should have to make a policy about such a thing, I think it reflects on the CBE, and on their choice of a candidate. Barbara Graham was not there to learn. CBE is not here to learn and contribute -- their purpose is to disrupt."



RONALD TURNER

Ronald Turner, 38, of Plymouth, owns a painting contracting company. He has a BA in business administration from Eastern Michigan University. He is married and has a two-year-old son.

Turner has not voted in any of the four school elections since registering to vote here in 1986.

"The major problem is the standard of education. If you demand excellence, all else will fall into place. I think the priorities of our students are eskew - I don't think they realize the importance of competing in a worldwide market."

"I'm for the renewal, and against

"We need an increase in teaching materials, there seems to be a definite shortage there."

judgment. I think the school board has a certain arrogance - it's isolated, and needs to improve its image...A compromise needs to be worked out with CBE, so that all

"I think the visit was in poor parties don't feel threatened."

For the millage:

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Our children's education is in danger, and we can save it from ruin.

So say supporters of the millage requests -- an eight mill renewal, and a two-year, four mill increase.

The financial dilemma facing the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district is not the result of poor management, or fiscal irresponsibility, say supporters.

The district, according to officials, has fallen victim to a "double edged sword," which has cut away at state aid, and at the same time, limited the collection of local property taxes.

As property values (and thus state equalized valuation, or SEV) rise,

school districts get less state membership aid. Plymouth-Canton received \$7.1 million in 1987-88, and only \$1.7 million in 1988-89.

The loss of \$5.5 million was offset by an increase in local property taxes -- but the increase of \$4.1 million in new taxes still left a deficit of \$1.4 million.

Despite this deficit, and the resulting program cuts, Plymouth-Canton continues to provide a quality education, more efficiently than most neighboring districts, say supporters.

In fact, the bang-for-the-buck factor in Michigan's 11th largest school district is really quite impressive:

• Plymouth-Canton ranks 175th in cost-per-pupil spending (\$3,334), much lower than Ann Arbor (\$4,908), Dearborn (\$4,608), or Livonia (\$4,444). This figure is also lower than state and national averages (\$3,560, \$4,280, respectively).

• The district is 286th in business and administration costs perstudent, and 76th in average teacher salaries.

• By staggering school starting times, Plymouth-Canton is able to transport its students to and from school more effeciently than any other district in the state.

The cuts that will result if the millage increase request fails could devastate the district, say supporters.

First, by having to lay off 75 teaching positions, and cutting an hour off the school day, the high schools would almost certainly go on probationary status with the North Central Association, which evaluates and accredits districts.

College admissions officers may raise their eyebrows over any applicant from Plymouth-Canton if this is the case.

And potential home buyers will not even bother to raise their eyebrows -- they'll simply look for a home in a district where their children will have a chance for a decent education.

Is this how voters are going to reward students for years of hard

Assessments, and thus taxes, are up in this area. But when calculating how much the millage will cost, residents should not forget to include the Homestead Property tax reduction, which allows homeowners a refund from the state if their property taxes are over 3.5 per cent of their income.

Despite many residents' kids being out of school, and despite the fact that all residents' taxes are going up, supporters say, a yes, yes vote on June 12, is a vote for the future of education in Plymouth-Canton, and for the future of kids in the community.

MILLACE MENSWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washemaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by 8 mills (\$8.00 on each \$1,000) on state equalized valuation for a period of two years, 1989 and 1990, for the purpose of providing additional funds for operating purposes this being a renewal of 8 mills for operating purposes which expired with the 1988 tax levy?

ADDITIONAL MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by 4 mills (\$4000 on each \$1000) on state equalized valuation for a period of two years, 1989 and 1990, for the purpose of providing additional funds for operating purposes?

Against the millage:

BY JOHN BRODERICK

At some point one just has to say "enough is enough."

So opponents of the four mill increase being requested by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools seem to say.

While there has been little apparent opposition to the eight mill renewal request, the main argument against the millage increase is simply that residents are sick and tired of constantly being asked for more money.

Also, property tax assessments in The Plymouth-Canton Community went up between 15 and 25 per cent for most residents of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Despite the claims of school officials that Headlee rolls back tax increases to the inflation rate, most homeowners' taxes actually rose much more than the cost of living last year.

And for next year, the Headlee rollback factor will certainly not bring tax increases down to the inflation rate -- assessments for industrial and commercial properties did not change at all (in most cases), and thus the rollback factor will not be all that great.

Opponents also raise questions about where the money is going, and how it has been spent.

Administrators make outrageous salaries, they say, and powerful teachers unions have been unwilling to make concessions to help the district during this financial plight. If teachers "care" so much, why don't they take a pay cut, say those who oppose the millage requests.

The voters have spoken on this issue a number of times before. The schools ignore the fact that requests to override the Headlee Amendment have failed three times in the past two years, said those who oppose the millage.

Money can't buy education, some millage opponents say. School officials talk about how they need more money to continue programs that make a child's education great. But what about just good old-fashioned basics -- can't this just be improved with at strong commitment by teachers, and a more concerted effort to teach these basic skills?

A small but vocal minority have come out against the increase on the grounds that their concerns about curriculum in the district have gone unheard, and that they have been treated rudely by school officials and board members, when bringing up these concerns. "Why should we give more money to a district that is not listening to our concerns?" they say.

Senior citizens, and people on fixed incomes, are being taxed right out of the homes in which they've lived for decades, opponents say. When your taxes go up, and your income remains the same, you don't have much choice but to look at moving.

Although assessments have risen, and thus property values as well, homes should be worth more when they are sold -- so the schools are an investment in property.

But many homeowners have no intention of moving, and only see the increased taxes, insurance, and mortgage payments.

All residents want to see good schools, but not all are willing to pay more and more each year for them, and are not convinced more money will make them any better.

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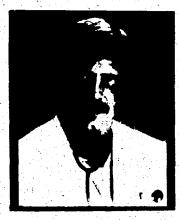
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Four bands to play

CEP Finale Concert

The Centennial Educational Park (CEP) bands will host their Finale Concert of the school year this Friday (June 2) at 8 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium.

Four bands will present a variety of musical selections.

The Ninth Grade Band will perform "Conquistador March," by Ed-mondson, "Memory," by Webber, and 'Let it Be Me," by Becaud.

The Varsity Band will perform "Hey Look Me Over," by Coleman, "Tomorrow," by Strouse, and "Joy to the World," by Axton.

The Concert Band will perform "Jubilance," by Giovannini and "After a Gentle Rain," by Iannaccone.

The Symphony Band will present "Festive Overture," by Shostakovich and "Irish Tune from County Derry," and "Shepherd's Hey," by Grainger.

The final number will feature the combined bands performing "Stars and Stripes Forever," by John Philip

There is no admission charge for the concert. A reception will follow in the Salem cafeteria. Call 451-6600 for further information.

Summer preschool program

Canton Crickets, a preschool program for three and four year olds, will be registering for the summer

Classes meet twice a week from July 6 through August 15. Activities include crafts, games, stories, special events,

Registration is June 3 at 8 a.m. on the first floor, of the Canton Administration Building.

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PCBs at old N'ville center?

Wayne County health officials recently issued a warning of possible contamination of several buildings at the county's former Child Development Center along Sheldon Road between Five and Six Mile roads in Northville Township.

Vernice Davis-Anthony, a county health officer, said, "The county is currently conducting tests to confirm the presence of possible polychlorinated byphenyl (PCB) contamination from vandalized electrical transformers."

She added, "There is no health threat to the people who live near the site."

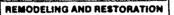


Among the county's concerns are that trespassers who come onto the property may be exposed to potential health risks. Warning signs have been posted to deter trespassers.

The possible contamination was discovered during the routine investigation of a trespassing complaint by Northville Township Police.

PCBs can cause skin rashes, swelling, nausea and gastro-intestinal distress, said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Health Department.

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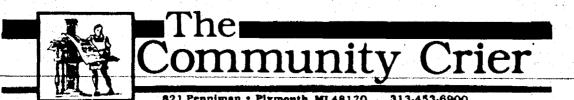


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Sports

Chiefs' baseball squad headed to states

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Canton High's boys baseball squad was led by Mike Sulak and Mike Culver on Friday as the team qualified for the Class A state baseball tournament.

Sulak went the distance for the Chiefs, who are 19-8 on the season, while Culver led the Chiefs offensively with a home run and four runs batted in (RBIs).

Sulak earned his fifth win of the year with four strike outs while allowing only three hits.

Culver hit his home run in the first inning to get the Chiefs rolling. Derek Humphries also helped the Chiefs out on the offensive side with three hits and three RBIs.

"We have played pretty well the last seven or eight games," said Canton coach Fred Crissey.

Canton also participated in the

Plymouth Invitational over the weekend and split its two games. The Chiefs beat Belleville 8-0 and then lost to Divine Child 11-8.

Brian Paupore picked up the win against Belleville (his fifth win of the season) with help from power hitters Humphries and Jason Denby.

Paupore had a no-hitter going into the last inning with two outs, but Belleville-then-managed two hits off the hurler.

Humphries clubbed three hits for the Chiefs and Denby knocked two hits in the win.

"Paupore was the story of the game," said Crissey of the hurler. Paupore set a new team record of going 28 innings without giving up an unearned run this year.

The Chiefs begin their state tournament play on Saturday (June 3) in district play at Northville High.



Canton's Erin Morgan (right) brings the balt up the field against Pioneer's Kelly Firestone during Saturday's action. (Crier photo by Chris Faring)

5th division title for Canton girls track

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

It was quite a couple of weeks for the Canton girls track team. The Chiefs clinched their division title (Western) in the conference for the fifth straight year and also qualifed a trackster for the Class A State Finals.

At the regionals, Canton placed 10th overall with 14 points. Heather Spencer led the Chiefs during the meet, placing second in the high jump with a leap of 4-11, to qualify for the state meet.

Canton scored two other places at the meet — Lori Penland, Adrienne Garrow, Erica Carson and Amy Smith combined for a fifth place finish and a

Canton boys set track records

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Although the Canton boys track team was unable to qualify any tracksters for the Class A state meet, it did set some new school records in Class A regional action last week.

Brian Beech set a new school record in the two mile run. He finished sixth with a time of 9:49.3. Jeff Pryslak also set a new school record in the 300-yard hurdles, as he finished fourth with a time of 41.0 seconds.

In the 400-yard run, Ron Staples led Canton to a fourth place with a time of 50.5 seconds.

The Chiefs finished 12th overall in the meet with nine points.

time of 10:26.6 in the two mile relay for the Chiefs.

Kristy Brugar, Jenny Hartke, Kim Gutke and Amy VanBuhler led Canton to a fourth place in the mile relay with a time of 4:15.5.

The Chiefs also took part in a meet against Farmington Harrison last Wednesday. Canton won the meet and a division title in the process, 69-59.

First place finishes for Canton were Ifoema Okwumabua in the discus (91-7), Spencer in the high jump (5-0), VanBuhler in the 100-yard hurdles (17.14 seconds) and the two mile relay team of Garrow, Penland, Carson and Smith (11:13.9).

Smith and Penland each took one individual firsts in the meet, Smith won the mile run (5:58.0) and Penland won the 880-yard run (2:35.0).

"They're continuing the tradition," said George Pryzgodski, Canton girls track coach of his team's fifth straight division title.

The Chiefs, who are 6-1, were led this year by the seniors, said Pryzgodski.

"We had a good nucleus of seniors that performed well, and were good leaders," Pryzgodski said.

Next up for the Chiefs is the Western Lakes Activities Association's (WLAA) league meet which is being held today (May 31) at the Centennial Educational Park (CEP) track.

Spencer, who is Canton's fourth high jumper to qualify for the state meet in three years, will also prepare for the state meet which is being held June 3.

On to kick regionals

Chiefs shutout Pioneer

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Los Angeles Lakers did it in the National Basketball Association (NBA), but can Canton do it in girls high school soccer — repeat as champions that is?

According to Canton coach Don-Smith, the kick squad is taking it one step at a time for right now.

Canton's latest step was to clinch the district title in a win over Ann Arbor Pioneer on Saturday. The Chiefs shutout Pioneer 2-0.

Shannon Meath started the Chiefs off with a goal 20 minutes into the first half of the game. Trisha Greenhalge then clinched the win with a second half goal for Canton.

Smith said that it was a difficult game for the Chiefs for the simple reason that Pioneer is a strong defensive team, and most of the game was played at the Pioneer end of the field limiting Canton's scoring

mobility.

"It's hard to score when it's not an up and down the field ball game," said Smith. "Most of the game there were 21 ball players in front of their goal, which made it very difficult to get off a shot."

"It (the game) got tougher as it went on," said Smith, adding that Canton missed a couple real easy opportunities early on that could have put the game

Canton's next challenge is today (May 31) against East Lansing in the first round of Class A regional action.

Smith said every post-season game will be a challenge for the Chiefs.

"When you get to the stage with only 16 teams left, everyone feels they have a chance to win it all," said Smith. "We have some tough ball games coming up."

Today's game will start at 5 p.m. at McDonald Middle School in East Lansing.

Salem diamondmen falter after titles

BY RITA DERBIN

The Rocks didn't put forth their best effort of the season on Saturday and coach John Gravlin wasn't too happy about it.

"I wasn't pleased with our offense," said: Gravlin after a 5-0 loss to Dearborn Divine Child at the Plymouth Invitational. "They beat us with a couple fly balls that the wind blew out but we had our chances and didn't do anything with them.

The poor effort came after a week which saw the Rocks win the Lakes Division and the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Last week the team, coming off their second loss to Canton, came back and helped their coach win his 100th game

On Monday, the Rocks defeated Walled Lake Western 7-4 for the conference title

"It was my 100th win as a coach and it clinched the conference," said Gravlin. "Overall, it was a very special

"The kids showed lots of character to come back to win the conference after losing to Canton in the state tournament," Gravlin added.

In the game, the Rocks scored five runs in the first inning and held on for the victory with junior Rob Kowalski (3-2, 3 saves) getting his third straight

"Rob's been pitching real well," said Gravlin. "He's really come on the last few weeks of the season.

On Friday, Salem clinched the Lakes Division by defeating Livonia Stevenson 6-4 in an extra inning affair.

Kowalski won the game in relief. after entering the game in the seventh inning with bases loaded. He pitched out of the jam and put the game into extra innings.

Scott Rodgers started the game and pitched six strong innings allowing four unearned runs.

Salem tracksters 8th in region

BY RITA DERBIN

In the Class A Regionals, Salem High's girls track squad finished in eighth place overall with 13 points.

"Our girls turned out their best times but were just a shade behind the powerhouses - Ann Arbor Pioneer and Huron and Ypsilanti," said coach Mark Gregor. "They gave it their best shot -- in any other regional several would have made it (to the state

The best efforts came from Jenny Harris, who came in third in the high jump (4-10 feet); and Kim Ploucha, fourth in the long jump with a jump

just over 15 feet. Last Tuesday, the Rocks scored only

two first-places in an 82-46 loss to Farmington.

Finishing first for Salem were the members of the 1,600-meter relay, including Amy Hobgood, Rima Zayed, Jennie Marshke and Tracey Livermore. They clocked a time of 4:26.7.

The 3,200-meter relay of Hobgood. Allison Rybski, Marshke and Traci Thomas also finished first with an effort of 11:39.49.

"We out hit Stevenson 14-6 but couldn't push any runs across the plate," said Gravlin.

Kevin O'Leary was the hitting star. He had three RBIs in the game including the game winner in the top of

On Thursday the Rocks rallied for three runs in a continuation from an earlier rain delayed game against Westland John Glenn.

In the game, which found the Rocks trailing 5-3 at one point, senior shortstop Dennis Hanson highlighted the comeback with a two-run double in the bottom of the sixth inning. Hanson also shone in the field by making three sparkling defensive plays, according to Gravlin. Kowalski picked up the win in the game by not allowing a run in the final three innings.

The Rocks finished their conference schedule_with-a-12-4-(13-8 overall). Leading the team in hitting was senior designated hitter Tim Lake with a .450 batting average.

Canton golf ends season

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

"I don't think our record reflects the caliber of the kids," said Canton girls golf coach Dan Riggs after his squad ended its season.

According to Riggs, although the team ended the season with a record of 4-11, the record really doesn't reflect the team's play.

Canton participated in two postseason golf contests this year - the Class A Regionals and the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

In regional action, the Chiefs placed 11th out of 17 teams with a round of 475. Ann Arbor Pioneer was crowned champion in the regional.

"We only lost to Pioneer by six strokes (in an earlier meet)," said Riggs.

Canton also took part in the conference meet, but according to Riggs, didn't fare too well.

Sophomores Melissa Vernon and Kerri Kittleson each shot a 102 to lead the team to a seventh place finish with a total round of 422.

"We did okay this season," said Riggs, "We're a young team." The Chiefs' first, second and third varsity golfers are all sonhomores

Salem's Parry makes states

The Rocks will be represented in the boys track state meet on Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

Roger Parry is the regional champ in the high jump after jumping six feet four inches in the regionals

In the regional the senior also had a sixth-place finish in the 410-meter high hurdles (15.2) as he helped the Rocks to an 11th place finish at the regional on May 20. The Rocks finished with 13 total points.

Also putting in good showings were Scott Stryker, who was fifth in the

place finishers including Steve Burlison in the 200-meter dash (22.62 -- two-one hundredth of a second off the state qualifying time); Mike Albertson in the 400-meter dash (52.2); the 800-meter relay team of Burlison, Albertson, Randy Fill and Dave Van Hoose (1:34.5); the 400-meter relay of Leon Hister, Burlison, Pat Bowie and Troy Giacherio in the 300-meter hurdles (41.4).

"We had a good day in terms of performance," said coach Gary Balconi, "The regional though, and we could only get one

In the second inning, Hinzmann walked, Jenny Jencks was hit by a pitch and Wicklund doubled to score Hinzmann, Mundinger followed by singling in Jencks. Tracie Robinson then knocked in Wicklund with a fielder's choice to make the score 4-0.

In the fourth Wicklund walked,

Katie Vesnaugh singled and Robinson drove her in with a single and in the seventh, Missy Holmes doubled Kris Bradley to third base and Jencks singled in Bradley to complete the Salem scoring drive.

Vesnaugh, Mundinger, Robinson and Bradley - did a real good job this said Willette; whose team finished the season at 12-10. "They did most of the hitting, and they led the team and did everything I expected

Vesnaugh led the team, batting .434 in the league. She was followed by Mundinger (.407, 17 RBIs) and Wicklund (.388).

"Vesnaugh, Mundinger Wicklund had outstanding seasons for us," said Willette, "Traci and Kris also carried their weight all season.

On Wednesday, Salem shut out Walled Lake Western in their final conference game, 7-0.

Salem's Eric Sheehan avoids an inside pitch during a recent game, (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

Salem softball defeated in pre-district game

BY RITA DERBIN

They put in a good effort but it was not enough.

The season ended for the Salem softball team when they were defeated 12-6 in a pre-district match up with Adrian. The losing pitcher was Holly Hinzmann who gave up 10 hits, six walks and seven earned runs for the game.

"We had two bad innings," said coach Rob Willette. "We were ahead 4-0 going into the third but let it slip

In the first inning Jo Wicklund singled and scored on a fielder's choice by Ann Mundinger to put the Rocks on

1600-meter (4:31.5) and several seventh

The win gave the Rocks an 8-8 league final and 5-5 division record.

Community births

Welcome Ben

Benjamin David Weil Crumm arrived May 1, weighing 8 lb.

Ben joins big sister Megan, and parents David and Amy Crumm, of Canton, Grandparents are Donald and Barbara Crumm, of Hope, MI, and Leo and Joan Weil, of Goodrich, MI.

Hello Audrey

Audrey Marie Freeman was born May 15 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Audrey weighed 9 lb. when she came into the world.

She joins older sister Meghan Ann, and parents Laura and James Freeman, of Plymouth.

Grandparents are Donald and Janet Freeman, of Napoleon, OH, and Nancy and Mel Bobcean, of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Florence and Otis Nugent, of Plymouth.

It's Katherine

Katherine Elizabeth Shepherd arrived on April 25 at St. Joseph Hospital. She weighed 9 lb., 4.5 oz.

Her parents are Doug and Toni Shepherd, of Plymouth.

Grandparents are Walter and Shirley Shepherd, of Livonia, and Robert and Frances Sullivan, of Grand Rapids.

Marisa arrived!

Marisa Alexandra Mooradian was born April 22 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Marisa weighed 6 lb., 13.5 oz. upon arrival.

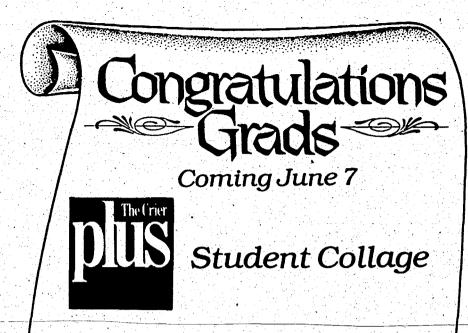
Her parents are Bruce and Doreen Mooradian, of Plymouth.

The grandparents are John and Rose Mooradian, of West Bloomfield, and Dolores Turbiak, of Inkster.

Hi Laura

Laura Kaitlyn Sigler entered the world on March 10 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She weighed in at 8 lb., 14

Laura is the first child of Jerry and Kathy Sigler, of Plymouth.



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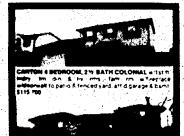
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